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MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.
No. 2039.

LOANS OF 1894 AND 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given that the whole of the outstanding debentures of the above loans will be paid on presentation, properly endorsed by the registered owners to the Treasurer at the Municipal Offices on and after December 31, 1910, and interest will cease from that date.

LOAN of 1901.

NOTICE is hereby given that the following debentures of the above loan have been drawn for redemption and will be paid on presentation, properly endorsed by the registered owner to the Treasurer at the Municipal Offices on and after December 31, 1910, and interest will cease from that date.

Debentures of Tls. 1,000.

8092	8156	8239
8098-9	8158	8246
8100	8162	8252-3
8110	8184-5	8258
8126	8196	8260
8136	8205	8267
8142-3	8218	8269
8147	8221	
8154	8235-6	

Debentures of Tls. 100.

8278	8297	8317
8281-2	8300	8337
8284	8304	8345
8286	8306-7	8351
8289	8309-10	
8292	8313	

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By order,
J. B. A. MACKINNON,
Acting Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, June 28, 1910.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.
No. 2072.

VICTORIA NURSING HOME.

PROBATIONERS are required for the Home, who will devote themselves, during a period of training of three years, to the attainment of a knowledge of NURSING.

Particulars may be obtained from, and applications should be made to, the Matron at the Home.

By order,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, December 8, 1910.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.
No. 2075.

ELECTRICITY DEPARTMENT.

THE Council is prepared to receive tenders for the supply of :—

14 Electric motors from 5 to 20 h.p.

Specifications may be obtained upon application to the Electrical Engineer, Mr. T. H. U. Aldridge, at the Electricity Works, 31 Fearon Road, upon payment of Tls. 25 deposit, which will be returned upon the receipt of a bonâ fide tender.

Sealed tenders must be forwarded to the undersigned not later than noon on Tuesday, January 31, 1911.

The Council does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender, or to pay any expenses which may be incurred in tendering.

The names of tenderers with the prices quoted will be published for general information.

By order,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, December 8, 1910.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.
No. 2076.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Transfer Books of the Municipal Loans will be closed from December 20, to December 31, both days inclusive.

By order,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, December 15, 1910.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.
No. 2079.

THE Municipal Offices will be closed to public business on Monday and Tuesday, December 26 and 27, 1910, and on Monday, January 2, 1911.

By order,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, December 22, 1910.

AT the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, December 21, 1910, at 4.30 p.m., there are present :

Messrs. D. Landale *(Chairman)*
H. J. Craig
H. De Gray
H. Figge
H. A. J. Macray
C. Selby Moore
W. A. C. Platt
T. E. Trueman
The Secretary and
Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

New Member.

Mr. Figge takes his seat, and is appointed to serve on the Finance Committee.

Consular Body.

A letter from Mr. Akira Ariyoshi, Consul-General for Japan, informs the Council that he has resumed charge of the Consulate-General with effect from December 16.

Police.

Foreign Branch.—The Council learns with deep regret of the death on December 21 from typhoid fever, of Constable M. Bohanna, who joined the Force so recently as last April.

The following promotions are authorized :—

To be 1st Class Constables from December 13:—

A. J. Emery
James Gibson
G. McDonald.

To be 2nd Class Constables from December 20:—

J. H. C. Backshell
D. McInnes
John Reid
T. J. Stewart.

Constable T. Dunne is appointed Plain Clothes Constable with effect from December 14.

The transfer of Constable R. C. Blyton to be 4th Class Warder is authorized with effect from December 16.

Constable W. V. Mogensen is dismissed with effect from December 21.

Nine months' leave of absence is granted to Sub-Inspector Gibson with effect from April 4, 1911.

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Sikh Branch—Breach of Discipline.—The minutes of a Special Meeting of the Watch Committee held on December 19 are read and confirmed.

This meeting was convened for the purpose of holding a preliminary discussion with Major Davidson, the officer appointed by the Indian Government in accordance with the terms of the correspondence published in the Municipal Gazette of November 17, and in order to arrange with him the scope of the enquiry to be conducted as a result of the acts of insubordination committed on July 15 last.

It is noted that Major Davidson will present his report at an early date, and that his departure will be deferred until January 8, in order to allow time for queries which may arise after its perusal by the Council.

Victoria Nursing Home.

Fees for Outside Trained Nurses.—At the recommendation of the Health Officer, it is decided to admit outside trained nurses entering the Home for treatment, free of fees, so far as accommodation will permit. It has been arranged that the same practice will henceforward be adopted at the Shanghai General Hospital.

Plague Prevention.

In continuation of the minute of the meeting of November 30 on this subject, the following further letter is ordered for publication :—

Council Room,
Shanghai, December 19, 1910.

SIR,—In accordance with your verbal request I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of November 25, informing the Council that the Consular Body has approved the Bye-laws relating to Plague, as recently adopted at a Special Meeting of Ratepayers, with the exception of that relating to Overcrowding.

These Bye-laws were originally drafted in 1903, not in any sense as emergency measures but with a view to the gradual application of such rudimentary sanitary principles as would bring the Settlement into line with modern sanitary practice They will take but a minor place in any adequate future scheme for the prevention of Plague. For instance, in that relating to Demolition of Houses the words "by reason of any of its inmates having suffered from Plague" forms a limitation which will render the Bye-law almost useless in practice, since it provides in fact that no effort to check Plague shall take place under this Bye-law until a human case has actually occurred, and shall then be limited to the particular building affected.

After full consideration of the subject, however, the Council is of opinion that, owing to the difficulty of securing a quorum at a Special Meeting of Ratepayers, it is inadvisable to defer approval of the Bye-laws as they now stand; I have therefore the honour to request that you may be good enough to transmit the Code to Peking for the sanction of the Diplomatic Body.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
DAVID LANDALE,
Chairman.

Sir PELHAM WARREN, K.C.M.G.,
H.M. Consul-General and
Senior Consul.

Plague Prevention Beyond Limits.

The following correspondence is ordered for publication:—

Shanghai, December 6, 1910.

SIR.—I have the honour to enclose herewith translation of a despatch from the Taotai respecting the request recently made by me as Senior Consul that he should call upon the authorities in the districts adjacent to the Settlement to co-operate with the Municipal Council in giving effect to measures of plague prevention.

The Consular Body refrain for the present from comment upon the obvious faults of this reply and the unsatisfactory attitude of the Chinese Authorities therein displayed, and prefer first to refer it to the Council for their consideration.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
PELHAM L. WARREN,
H.M. Consul-General and Senior Consul.

DAVID LANDALE, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

Translation of a letter from the Shanghai Taotai, Liu Yen-yi, to the Senior Consul, dated November 21, 1910.

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your despatch as Senior Consul in which you ask me to call upon the authorities in the regions adjacent to the Settlement to give all possible co-operation with the Municipal Council in giving effect to measures of sanitary investigation.

Upon receipt of this despatch I communicated with the General Police Bureau, who now reply as follows:—

"Plague is a terrible evil and if it breaks out in the Shanghai Settlement precautions become necessary to be taken in the adjacent Chinese territory to prevent it spreading thither. The Police Bureau of the Chinese area give their special attention to sanitary precautions and, in pursuance of the communication now received we are issuing a Proclamation ordering the individual residents to take precautionary measures and strive earnestly after cleanliness. The Police Stations are being ordered also to make investigations; and the Bureau is as well arranging with the gentry for the establishment of a Hospital as a safeguard and for the cure of cases. Will you be good enough to ask the Senior Consul to notify the Municipal Council not to interfere with these matters outside Settlement limits?"

I have therefore the honour to communicate the above for your information and that you may give notice accordingly.

Council Room,
Shanghai, December 16, 1910.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of December 6, enclosing a despatch from the Taotai containing the substance of a communication addressed to him by the Chapei Constabulary.

From the closing sentences of your letter the Council observes that the Consular Body regards the tone of this despatch with some disfavour.

The document concludes with the customary request that the Council shall not intervene beyond the limits of the Settlement.

I trust you will express to the Taotai in reply the Council's satisfaction in noting that the terrible character of plague is fully realized beyond the Boundary, and that individual residents are being specially enjoined to take the necessary precautionary measures accordingly.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
DAVID LANDALE,
Chairman.

Sir PELHAM WARREN, K.C.M.G.,
H.M. Consul-General and
Senior Consul.

Sinza Stone Bridge.

Detail plans of the proposed structure forwarded informally by the representatives of the Chapei Administration, are submitted, showing some slight amendment: but the Council remains of opinion that any bridge which does not involve the removal of the present cumbersome stone piers from the bed of the Creek would be unsatisfactory, and these plans are therefore disapproved. It is understood that the difficulty in the way of a one-span bridge, from the point of view of the Chinese Authorities, is that the requisite large foundations would involve the destruction of houses on both sides of the Creek. To obviate this so far as the Settlement is concerned, it is decided to take immediate steps for the acquisition of the sections of the West Soochow Road on either side of the bridge, in accordance with the Official Plan of Road Extensions and Widenings.

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Municipal Properties.

Cemeteries.—In regard to the matter of provision of a cemetery for use by the Mahommedan Community, to which reference is made in the Gazette of August 12, 1909, a suitable site has been acquired consisting of B. C. Lots 4001 and 4364, at the south-west corner of the Pahsienjao Cemetery. No appropriation for this purpose was included in the Budget, as it was expected that the requirements of the Mahommedan Community could be met from one or other of the surplus pieces of land already owned by the Council. Of the lots available, however, none have been found suitable, and, in view of the fact that the above lots will form a desirable extension of the Foreign Cemetery, it was decided to close with the offer. Payment of a sum of Tls. 14,700 has accordingly been made for the Mow 4.418 involved, inclusive of Tls. 1,650 compensation for the removal of thirty-two houses, which has been refunded by Mr. Pabaney.

The following correspondence on the subject is appended:—

Council Room,

Shanghai, September 22, 1910.

SIR,—With reference to previous correspondence and recent verbal negotiations on the subject of the request of the Mahommedan community for the Council's assistance in provision of a site for a new cemetery, I am directed to inform you that, with this in view, the purchase of land situated at the south-west corner of the Pahsienjao Cemetery, measuring Mow 4.418, has recently been effected at a total cost of Tls. 14,700.

As you are aware it was the Council's first intention to provide a small lot of surplus land measuring 1½ mow, but it has proved impossible to meet the requirements in this way since the various alternative sites selected were found to be inconveniently situated for the purpose. As the cemetery at present in use by the Mahommedan community is almost entirely occupied, your representations have indicated its anxiety to make provision at once for future requirements; and therefore the Council has realized, with some reluctance, the need for immediate expenditure, and has now found it necessary to embark upon a scheme of which the cost is considerably in excess of that originally intended. An additional motive which has led to this large purchase is that a desirable extension of the existing cemetery at Pahsienjao will thereby be obtained; but this is so small that it has formed only a secondary object, and by itself it would not have been of sufficient urgency to justify any expenditure this year.

In view of these facts, you will recognize that the Mahommedan community may reasonably be invited to contribute to some extent to the large expenditure which has been requisite, and the Council therefore has no doubt that if an area of 2 mow is set aside free of cost you will be willing to contribute the sum of Tls. 1,650 for the removal of houses to render the property fit for the use to which it is to be put. In the event of your requiring more than 2 mow of land, I am directed to inform you that the Council is disposed to meet your wishes in this respect, provided the Mahommedan community will contribute to the cost at the rate of Tls. 3,000 per mow, at which it has been purchased.

I am directed to express the hope that this arrangement will prove satisfactory to the Mahommedan community.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. B. A. MACKINNON,

Acting Secretary.

R. RAJABALLY, Esq.,

for the Mahommedan Mosque,

Shanghai, October 12, 1910.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 22 last, informing me that a site of 2 mow of land situated at the S. W. Corner of the Pahsienjao Cemetery out of the Council's late purchase, has been chosen and provided for a new cemetery for the Mahommedan Community, in response to the recent appeal made by me, on its behalf, and that the community is invited to contribute Taels 1,650 for the expenditure incurred for the removal of the Chinese houses therefrom, and that in the event of requiring a larger area, the community is further invited to contribute at the rate of Taels 3,000 per mow at which the whole plot has been purchased.

While expressing the Mahommedan Community's deep gratitude for the consideration shown and the expenditure embarked upon by the Council in providing 2 mow of land for the proposed new cemetery, I have the honour to call your attention to the following facts with the hope of impressing upon the Council our further need for assistance toward this end:—

1. An area of 3 mow of land, as set forth in my first application, is the minimum limit required for the new cemetery, inasmuch as nearly one-third of this is to be alloted to the building thereon of a little mosque, an ablutionary house and a caretaker's room requisite, thus leaving 2 mow for the grave yard.
2. A sum of no less than Taels 7,000 is our estimate for erecting a wall round the cemetery as well as the above-mentioned buildings.
3. —That the Boxer Trouble of 1900 is responsible for the present state of the Mahommedan Cemetery as nearly one-third of it has been filled by the corpses from Moslim regimentals among the allied forces stationed in Shanghai for a long time for the protection of foreigners.
4. —That there are only a few well-to-do Mahommedan residents here and that we have chiefly to support numerous poor people such as lascars from the shipping companies and Municipal Servants — who represent the major part of the Mahommedans at this port. It therefore falls on my firm, as trustees, to undergo the expenses of turning the Council's grant of land to a proper cemetery to meet the need of the Community's urgent requirement.

Under the surrounding circumstances I beg to repeat my former request that an area of 3 mow of land be provided for the new cemetery and that the expenditure of removal of Chinese houses be borne by the Council so that I may be able to bring the need for a new cemetery to conclusion as soon as possible.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

E. PABANEY,

Trustee to the Mahommedan Mosque.

The SECRETARY,

Municipal Council.

Council Room,

Shanghai, October 23, 1910.

GENTLEMEN,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of October 12 on the subject of contribution to the cost of the purchase of land situated at the south-west corner of the Pahsienjao Cemetery, recently effected by the Council with a view to assisting the Mahommedan Community in obtaining a site for a new cemetery.

In reply I am directed to inform you that full consideration has been given to the circumstances set forth in your letter. I am nevertheless directed to repeat the opinion that though an area of two mow from this expensive acquisition may reasonably be set aside for the purpose in question without payment by the Mahommedan Community, the additional expense for removal of houses is a charge which it should properly meet.

I am directed to point out that all residents of the Settlement, except those who are destitute, contribute in some way to the cost of their burial grounds; and while the special circumstances to which you refer would form a justification for the Council's offer of an area of two mow without contribution to the cost of the land, such exceptional treatment may nevertheless be cited as a precedent at any time by other sections of the community. The Council is therefore confident that you will realize the difficulty of acceding to your request for a still more liberal benefit at the public cost.

I am accordingly directed to request that you will be good enough to reconsider the offer contained in my letter of September 22 and endeavour to bring the negotiations to a conclusion on the basis therein set forth.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

J. B. A. MACKINNON,

Acting Secretary.

E. PABANEY, Esq.,

Trustee,

The Mohammedan Mosque.

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Council Room,

Shanghai, December 19, 1910.

SIR.—With reference to your recent call upon the Chairman of Council on the subject of the provision of a cemetery for the use of Mahommedans in Shanghai, I am directed to inform you that the Council has now assented to set aside for this purpose 3 mow of ground out of the area now being added to the Pahsienjao Cemetery upon payment by yourself of the sum of Tls. 1,650.

This concession is induced by the statement that, with the exception of yourself, no other representative of the Mahommedan Faith is prepared to contribute towards the scheme, while the cost of the small mosque to be erected on the site also falls upon you.

In expressing the Council's hope that this arrangement will meet with your approval, I am to ask that you will forward a cheque for the amount in question as soon as is convenient.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

EBRAHIMBHOY PABANEY, Esq.

Shanghai, December 22, 1910.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 19th instant intimating that the Council has assented to set aside, for purpose of a new burial ground for the Mahommedan section of the Community, three mow of ground out of the area now being added to the Pahsienjao Cemetery upon payment of the sum of Taels 1,650 by me.

In reply, I beg to hand you herewith a cheque for the above amount and express the Mahommedan community's deep gratitude for providing the above ground.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
E. PABANEY.

The SECRETARY,
Municipal Council.

Electricity Department.

The minutes of the meeting of the Electricity Committee of Monday, December 19, are read and confirmed.

There were present :—

Messrs. E. C. Pearce (*Chairman*)
A. H. Collinson
G. Wuilleumier
The Deputy Electrical Engineer and
The Secretary.

Monthly Reports.—Those for September and October are submitted and ordered for publication as usual. In reply to comment on the apparent falling off in the profits, the Engineer states that this will improbably affect the results of the year's working, as the reduced demand in the autumn is counterbalanced by the increased sales of electricity during the winter months.

Traction Load.—With reference to a Report by the Engineer in which he states that the meters used for registering the consumption of current by the Tramway Company, have been found upon test to be about six per cent slow, it is noted that indents have been despatched for the purchase, at a cost of approximately £100, of four new traction meters of which one will be for account of the Company and one will be paid for jointly by the Council and the Company. In regard to the matter of adjustment of accounts, rendered necessary by the defective meters now in use, the Engineer, after consultation with the General Manager of the Tramway Company, will report further at an early date.

Supply of Lamps.—Of the tenders received in response to Notification No. 2048, it is decided, upon the recommendation of the Engineer, to accept that of Messrs. Ditmar Brünner Bros. Ld. for the supply of 10,700 Carbon Filament Lamps at a cost of £202, and that of Messrs. Arnhold, Karberg & Co. for 15,000 Metallic Filament Lamps at £1,434.

It is noted that the last-named firm obtained the previous contract for metallic filament lamps, and, although their tender is not the lowest, the members are of opinion that the additional expenditure involved is justified by the fact that the lamps supplied have proved consistently satisfactory.

The remaining tenders are as follows:—

(i) 10,700 Carbon Filament Lamps.

	£
Siemssen & Co.	192
Ditmar, Brünner Bros., Ld.	206
Molnar & Greiner	206
A. Schweiger & Co. Ld.	209
Melchers & Co.	215
Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	219
Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ld.	229
Dickeson, Jones & Co.	245
Andersen, Meyer & Co.	266
Brighten, Malcolm & King	269
Inniss & Riddle	275
Samuel, McGregor & Co. Ld.	275
Shewan, Tomes & Co.	280
Andersen, Meyer & Co.	312
Shanghai Electric & Asbestos Co. Ld.	314
Rose, Downs & Thompson	326
Siemens China Elect. Eng. Co.	326
Ilbert & Co.	330
Andersen, Meyer & Co.	340

(ii) 15,000 Metallic Filament Lamps.

	£
Shewan, Tomes & Co.	1145
Melchers & Co.	1352
Ditmar, Brünner Bros., Ld.	1360
Phillips Metallic Glow Lamp Works	1387
A. Schweiger & Co. Ld.	1400
Siemens China Elect. Eng. Co.	1508
Molnar & Greiner	1572
Siemssen & Co.	1590
Holland China Trading Co.	1687
Ditmar, Brünner Bros., Ld.	1729
Samuel, McGregor & Co. Ld.	1820
P. Muller	1873
Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ld.	1906
Inniss & Riddle	1910
Dickeson, Jones & Co.	1910
Shanghai Electric & Asbestos Co. Ld.	2044
Brighten, Malcolm & King	2189
Ilbert & Co.	2224
Rose, Downs & Thompson	2330
Andersen, Meyer & Co.	2472
"	2502

Deposits.—Reference is made to a memorandum by a member of Council to the effect that payment of deposits is in every case demanded before connexion with the Municipal mains is permitted, and that the effect of such policy is adverse to the best interests of the Department. In regard to the specific instance mentioned, the Engineer points out that the statement by the contractors to the consumer was made without authority. In this connexion, the Chairman states that there is no intention of altering the existing practice in regard to these deposits, i.e. that they will be called for only when, in the discretion of the Engineer, they are necessary to guard against the possibility of financial loss to the Department.

Show Room and Lamp Depot.—Attention is drawn to the fact that the signboard of this establishment in the Nanking Road is misleading, inasmuch as the word 'supply' is applicable only to lamps, and it is decided that the board be altered to read "Shanghai Municipal Council, Electricity Department, Show-room and Lamp Supply Depot."

Staff.—The Committee authorizes the engagement of four additional linesmen as recommended at Tls. 0.35 per day, and a meter repairer at Tls. 0.96 per day, to replace one recently discharged.

Trust Funds and Redemption of Debentures.

Upon the recommendation of the Treasurer, the purchase of 6 per cent Debentures of the Shanghai Land Investment Co., Ld. to the extent of Tls. 20,500 for the Trust Funds Investment Account is authorized; the scrip is of the years from 1900 to 1905, and the purchase price 102.

A further offer of Municipal Debentures of 1896, to the amount of Tls. 16,000 is accepted for the Redemption of Debentures Account of 1911, price Tls. 95.

The meeting adjourns at 6.30 p.m.

Native Rents.

The correspondence relating to the proposal of the Taotai to issue a proclamation on this subject is as follows :—

Shanghai, December 6, 1910.

SIR,—I have the honour to enclose herewith copy of a Proclamation (of which five in all have been sent to me) respecting the recent agitation for the reduction of house-rents. It is issued by the Mixed Court—a rather unusual procedure and one to which exception has been taken in the past.

I shall be glad to have the Council's views as to the advisability of allowing this Proclamation to be published in the Settlement. It originated in representations made by myself to the

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Taotai at the instance of British property owners, and is, on the whole, calculated to be of good effect as regards the issue immediately concerned.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
PELHAM L. WARREN,
H.M. Consul-General,
and Senior Consul.

DAVID LANDALE, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

Proclamation by the Mixed Court Magistrate Pao Yi, dated December 6, 1910.

The Magistrate is in receipt of a dispatch of instructions from the Taotai as follows:—

"Owing to trade difficulties and "consequent depression in the market, "the tradespeople in the Settlement have "made repeated petitions asking that a "reduction of rents be discussed, and "the previous Taotai Tsai, and I myself, "have addressed repeated communica-"tions to the Senior Consul of the "Settlement and the French Consul-"General asking them to exhort the "foreign merchants who are house-"holders to allow a reduction. A few "days ago, however, Mr. Vice-Consul "Twyman was specially deputed by the "British Consul-General and Senior "Consul to make a personal statement, "that there is now a certain Rent "Reduction Bureau which is giving the "false information that the Taotai has "deputed an officer to inform residents "in the Settlement that if householders "do not agree to reduce rents the tenant "is permitted himself to make deductions "from payments. He requested inquiry "and the issue of a prohibition on the "subject. Reduction of house rents "must be the subject of peaceable "discussion and exhortation, and there "can by no means be compulsion for "this would result in collision. It "would appear that the dissemination of "this statement in order to excite the "people must come from lawless bad "characters and it is most important "that this should be investigated and "forbidden, in order to avoid the "working up of trouble. Besides "therefore discussing with the British "Vice-Consul verbally, asking him "again to exhort the foreign merchants "to arrange for the diminution of rents, "I have further addressed a letter to the "Chinese Chamber of Commerce asking "strongly to exhort the notables and "wealthy persons uniformly to lessen "rents; and have now duly to address "this dispatch of instructions to the "Court, directing immediate issue of a "proclamation in order to prevent error "in the feelings of the populace, and "further ordering them peacefully to "await discussion as to reduction; and "stating that they shall not deduct "rentals by force; and that if any "person is found disseminating rumours "and creating trouble he will be "brought up and punished."

Upon receipt of these instructions at the Court the Magistrate observes that discussion as to reduction of rents was recently the subject of an announcement from the Bench to the effect that the residents should of course ask and discuss peaceably with the house-owners, to arrange for reduction; and that this is the satisfactory way of proceeding.

Now upon receipt of the above-mentioned dispatch a proclamation is duly issued for public information. Hereby the residents of the Settlement are expected one and all to take note that since the Taotai has discussed the matter with the Consul, and has addressed a request to the Chamber of Commerce, asking it to exhort the notables and wealthy persons, you should of course peaceably await developments and not disseminate rumours and create trouble; for this will result in severe investigation. Tremble and do not disobey!

Shanghai, December 7, 1910.

SIR,—In continuation of my dispatch of yesterday I have the honour to enclose herewith a Proclamation issued by the Taotai on the subject of house-rents. This in my opinion renders the Proclamation of the Mixed Court Magistate superfluous.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
PELHAM L. WARREN,
H.M. Consul-General,
and Senior Consul.

D. LANDALE, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

Proclamation by the Taotai Liu Yen-yi, dated December — 1910.

Owing to depression in the market and trade difficulties, the tradespeople in the Settlement have made repeated petitions asking that a reduction of rents be discussed and the previous Taotai Tsai and I myself have addressed repeated communications to the Senior Consul of the Settlement and the French Consul-General asking him to exhort the foreign merchants who are householders to allow a reduction. A few days ago, however, Mr. Vice-Consul Twyman was specially deputed by the British Consul-General and Senior Consul to make a personal statement that there is now a certain Rent Reduction Bureau which is giving the false information that the Taotai has deputed an officer to inform residents in the Settlement that if householders do not agree to reduce rents the tenant is permitted himself to make deductions from payments. He requested inquiry and the issue of a prohibition on the subject.

Reduction of house rents must be the subject of peaceable discussion and exhortation, and there can by no means be compulsion or dissemination of rumors in order to excite the people; and directions have been given to the Mixed Court that this should be investigated and forbidden. Besides thoroughly discussing with the British Vice-Consul verbally, asking him again to exhort the foreign merchants to arrange for the diminution of rents, I have further addressed a letter to the Chinese Chamber of Commerce asking it strongly to exhort the notables and wealthy persons uniformly to lessen rents, and thus ease the people's circumstances.

Nevertheless, before the matter had been discussed to a settlement, the concerned actually went to the Chinese Chamber of Commerce and insistently requested discussion with a view to reduction. This provocation of disturbance is most improper, and the Taotai thereupon at once sent the manager of the Board of Foreign Affairs, Prefect Kuan, and the Shanghai City Magistrate Tien to proceed to the place and exhort and disperse them.

I have again addressed a communication to the Senior Consul and the French Consul-General and have communicated directions to the Mixed Court Magistrate, that they shall exhort Chinese and foreign house-owners quickly to arrange for diminution of the original house rents, as a sign of leniency. I have further addressed a letter to the Chinese Chamber of Commerce asking them to assemble all the Chinese house-owners to make satisfactory proposals with a view to diminution of rents, and have now duly to issue this proclamation and hereby look to persons of all classes one and all to take note. They should know that discussion with a view to reduction of house rents can only be by way of peaceable exhortation, and cannot be compelled. You are all respectable, law-abiding tradespeople, and must quietly await peaceable discussion and action by the Chinese officials and merchants, and not wrongly listen to rumours or collect in crowds and create disturbance, thereby placing yourselves in a wrong position. Let all obey.

Council Room.

Shanghai, December 8, 1910.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of December 6 and 7, enclosing Proclamations by the Mixed Court Magistrate and by the Taotai on the subject of the agitation for the reduction of native rentals.

The former document being considered superfluous, the Council at its meeting yesterday addressed itself to the consideration of the latter.

I would, in the first place, draw the attention of the Consular Body to the Notice issued by the Council yesterday in the native press, a translation of which appears in this morning's Municipal Gazette. This notice is being reprinted in the form of a Proclamation, and will be posted in the course of to-morrow under the Council's seal.

The announcement of the Chamber of Commerce on this subject, and the statement which the Mixed Court Magistrate took occasion to make in the course of a recent suit for the recovery of arrears of rent, are embodied in the Municipal Notification to which I have referred; and the Council does not find any satisfactory reason for the intervention of the Taotai in this

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matter, so far as the Foreign Settlement is concerned. It may be necessary that such a document be issued for the information of the Chinese resident in Native City, or in the districts of Nantao and Chapei, but, as the Executive Body responsible for order in the Settlement, the Council very naturally resents interference on the part of the Native authorities except where a situation arises of such gravity as to warrant the belief that a warning from one of their own officials would have a beneficial effect upon the Chinese in time of excitement or of riot.

The present position is a peculiar one, for it appears that the Taotai's Proclamation is issued at the personal instance of H.M. Vice-Consul and it therefore appears to the Council a matter of some difficulty to make representations in favour of its withdrawal. It only remains for me to point out that the draft submitted appears to be couched in such terms as might lead the ignorant and coolie classes to continue their present vain agitation for official intervention in the matter of rents.

For instance, the Taotai states that he has requested the Chinese Chamber of Commerce to exhort landlords to grant a reduction, irrespective of whether such reduction is justifiable, having regard to the rules of supply and demand which govern the question.

Later in the document the Taotai states that he delegated Prefect Kuan and the City Magistrate to proceed to the Elgin Road for the purpose of dispersing a crowd which had assembled there. This sentence, which amounts in the Council's opinion to a virtual usurpation of Police functions in the Settlement on the part of outside native officials, is one to which my colleagues join me in unanimous objection, and I venture to think that it should be made clear to the Taotai that the whole paragraph should be omitted.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
DAVID LANDALE,
Chairman.

Sir PELHAM WARREN, K.C.M.G.,
H.M. Consul-General, and
Senior Consul.

Council Room,
Shanghai, December 16, 1910.

SIR,—In continuation of my letter of December 8, and in accordance with the verbal proposal which you have made to me, I enclose a translation of the Taotai's draft proclamation on the subject of native rent reduction, showing modifications in accordance with the Council's views together with a re-translation of the document into Chinese.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
DAVID LANDALE,
Chairman.

Sir PELHAM WARREN, K.C.M.G.,
H.M. Consul-General and
Senior Consul.

Council Room,
Shanghai, December 28, 1910.

SIR.—Referring to former correspondence, I have now the honour to inform the Consular Body that the Taotai's original proclamation as to native rents, a copy of which was enclosed in your letter of December 6, appeared in the Sin Wan Pao of December 23.

Under these circumstances it appears to the Council undesirable that this proclamation be officially issued even in the amended form indicated in my letter of December 16.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
DAVID LANDALE,
Chairman.

Sir PELHAM WARREN, K.C.M.G.,
H.M. Consul-General and
Senior Consul.

Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday, Dec. 25, 1910.	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 13,538	Deaths among Chinese population of 488,005
Small-pox.	3	11
Cholera.	0	—
Typhoid Fever	0	4
Diphtheria.	0	1
Scarlet Fever.	2	2
Tuberculosis	0	14
Plague	0	0
Total Deaths from all Causes	1	127

ARTHUR STANLEY, *Health Officer.*

New Buildings.

Plans approved December 21, 1910.

Cad. Lot.	Road.	Name	Description
S. of 7550	No. 57 E	Chinese	3 native bungalows
629	Nanking	do.	5 native houses,
3520	Markham	do.	3 native houses,
426	Fokien	Hanson, McNeill & Jones	Addition to native houses
2961	Medhurst	G. T. Guignard	Office & Motor Garage
2846	Avenue	Chinese	Greenhouse & bridge
280	Shantung	do.	6 native houses
152	Wenchow	do.	21 native houses 1 Gatehouse & boundary wall

Public Band

Public Performances.—The attendance on Sunday, December 25, numbered 476.

The programme for Sunday next, January 1, is as follows:—

1.—Overture—"Festival" Lassen.
2.—(*a*) Erotik } Grieg.
(*b*) Love Song }
3.—Selection—"Hänsel & Gretel" Humperdinck.
4.—Overture—"Le Carnaval Romain" Berlioz.
5.—Suite from "Coppelia" Delibes.
(*a*) Prélude et Mazurka.
(*b*) Entr' acte et Valse.
(*c*) Ballade et Thème varié.
(*d*) Czardas.
6.—Hungarian Rhapsody (No.2) Liszt.
Conductor, Professor BUCK.

Police Report on Proceedings at the Mixed Court

For the week ending Saturday, December 24, 1910:—

OFFENCE.	No. of persons apprehended. Male	Female
Assault	7	3
Breach of Municipal Regulations	15	2
Garbage	28	
Traffic	458	
Nuisance	165	
Burglary	2	
Civil Offences	18	2
Cruelty to Animals	2	
Extortion	1	
False Pretences	1	
Fighting and creating a disturbance	33	
Fraud	1	
Gambling	10	
Housebreaking	1	
Insanity	2	1
Illegal Detention		1
Kidnapping	8	2
Larceny	77	5
Loitering	9	
Soliciting Prostitution		4
Receiving stolen property	2	3
Returning from expulsion	3	
Attempted suicide	3	
Unlawful Possession	14	1
Vagrancy	19	
Godown Breaking	2	
Murder	1	
Rioting	5	
Miscellaneous cases	6	6
TOTAL	893	30

SUMMARY OF PUNISHMENTS AND DECISIONS.	Male	Female
Imprisonment	98	15
Imprisonment and Cangue	8	
Impt. Blows and expulsion	4	
Imprisonment and expulsion	22	
Cangue	1	
Fined	81	4
Bail Forfeited	623	1
Reformatory	3	
Cautioned	3	
Dismissed	10	3
Released on Security	4	1
Left to Court	16	2
Handed to Parents	1	1
Sent to Sinza Refuge	20	1
Sent to Native Authorities	3	1
To pay compensation	1	1
TOTAL	893	30

HOUSE OF DETENTION FOR MALES.

Number of inmates at the beginning of week	93
Number received during the week	10
Number released during the week	5
Number remaining at the end of the week	98

FEMALE WARD.

Number of inmates at beginning of week	110
Number received during the week	23
Number released during the week	17
Number remaining at the end of the week	116

SUMMONSES AND WARRANTS.

Summonses issued	35
Warrants issued	19
Summonses served	17
Warrants executed	5

C. D. BROOM,
Captain-Superintendent of Police.

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Departmental Report by the Superintendent of Parks and Open Spaces to the Municipal Engineer for November.

The bedding-out of spring flowering bulbs and plants was the chief occupation during the month. A number of trees have been transplanted in the nurseries, and a commencement made to the winter pruning of roadside trees.

The number of flowering plants transplanted was 12,212.

Roadside trees.	Planted.	Fastened.
Western District	9	95
Central District	7	22
Northern District	12	43
Eastern District	61	156
	89	316

Dead trees removed	84
Trees pruned	1200

D. MacGregor,
Superintendent.

Electrical Engineer's Report for September.

Generation.—The generating plant has been maintained in good condition and is working satisfactorily. No. 5 Ferranti engine has been overhauled during the month.

MAINS.

High Tension Feeders.—Extended in the following roads :—

	yds.	sq. in.
Washing Road	474	.034
Soochow ,,	734	.094
	1208yds. = .68 miles	

Low Tension Feeders.—Extended in the following road :—

	yds.	sq. in
Seymour Road	434	.058
	=24 miles	

Low Tension Distributors.—Extended in the following roads :—

	yds.	sq. in.
Honan Road	200	.125
,, ,,	100	.086
North Shanse Road	636	.060
Fokien Road	138	.086
,, ,,	276	.125
,, ,,	64	.034
Woo Foo Loong	64	.034
Tientsin Road	275	.086
,, ,,	550	.125
Kiangse ,,	614	.125
,, ,,	307	.086
Yangtszepoo Road	2260	.022
Robison Road	168	.060
,, ,,	870	.125
,, ,,	870	.028
Haining ,,	128	.022
Tsepoo ,,	374	.058
Kansuh ,,	280	.022
North Soochow Road	140	.022
Kiukiang Road	30	.093
Ward ,,	167	.012
Canton ,,	85	.019
	8596 yds=4.88 miles	

Enlarged in the following roads :—

	yds.	sq. in.
Kiangse Road	200	.034
,, ,,	307	.086
,, ,,	742	.125
,, ,,	30	.093
Robison ,,	18	.158
Whangpoo Road	296	.125
,, ,,	296	.086
Ningpo Road	380	.093
,, ,,	190	.058
Avenue ,,	396	.058
,, ,,	80	.060
,, ,,	229	.034
	3,164yds=1.79 miles	

500 volt Direct Current Mains.—Extended in the following roads :—

	yds.	sq. in.
Ningpo Road	270	.034

Enlarged in the following roads :—

	yds.	sq. in.
Fearon Road	1,534	.120
Broadway	868	.058
	2,402yds=1 36 miles	

Public Lighting.—One additional 60 c.p. metallic filament lamp connected in Jessfield Road near Unkaza.

Nine additional 200 c.p. metallic filament lamps connected in Sinza Road.

Poles.—1 iron pole erected during the month.

49 wooden poles erected during the month.

18 wooden poles renewed during the month.

COMPARATIVE TABLE.

		Sept. 1909	Sept. 1910.
Total lamps connected		185.467	207.188
Motors H.P.		673. 62	955. 14
Units Generated		536.673	608.374
Units Sold		482.867	540.841
Private Lighting		220.666	244 022
Public Lighting		53.779	66.610
Power		33.365	46.461
Traction		149.107	159.750
Used at Works		25.950	24.000
Ratio	%	89. 97	88. 90
Coal per unit generated	lbs.	5.17	5.05
Coal per unit sold	lbs.	5. 75	5. 66
Revenue	Tls.	41.366	46.764
Expenditure	Tls.	35.278	40.220
Profit	Tls.	6.088	6.544
Total profit to date	Tls.	47.059	64.020
Lamp Connections (30 watt lamps)		1531	4062
House Service Connections		57	50
Oil	gallons	171	105
Water	do.	516.000	33.000

A. H. Blagden,
Deputy Electrical Engineer.

Electrical Engineer's Report for October.

Generation.—The generating plant has been working satisfactorily T 6 and T 7 have been overhauled during the month and everything was found to be in good condition.

Switchgear.—Two new concrete cubicles have been built to take the switchgear for the new two phase sets.

MAINS.

Low Tension Distributors.—Extended in the following roads :—

	yds.	sq. in.
Haining Road	198	.125
,,	99	.086
North Honan Road	321	.060
Elgin ,,	936	.060
North Shanse ,,	630	.060
Hanbury ,,	202	.022
Chekiang Road (alleyway)	464	.034
,, Road	40	.060
Kuling ,,	94	.158
,, ,,	47	.093
West Thibet ,,	64	.158
,, ,,	32	.093
Pingchiao ,,	216	.103
,, ,,	108	.062
Woosung ,,	114	.058

	yds.	sq. in.
Yalu Road	1101	.058
,, ,, (alleyway)	70	.058
Mukden Road	1182	.058
Thorne Road	219	.058
Canton Road	160	.116
,, ,,	80	.058
Hoopeh Road	56	.060
,, ,,	28	.034
,, ,, (alleyway)	170	.060
,, ,, ,,	85	.034
Kweichow Road	310	.158
Peking Road	74	.158
,, ,,	37	.093
,, ,,	505	.086
,, ,,	1010	.125
,, ,, (alleyway)	316	.060
,, ,, ,,	158	.034
Seward Road	106	.034
,, ,,	374	.022
Hankow Road	294	.158
,, ,,	147	.093
Tongshan Road	404	.062
Baikal Road	194	.062
,, ,,	97	.034
	10,742 yds.=6.09 miles.	

Enlarged in the following roads :—

	yds.	sq. in.
Haining Road	304	.058
,, ,,	1168	.125
,, ,,	584	.086
North Honan Road	243	.060
Elgin ,,	476	.060
Cunningham ,,	196	.060
North Chekiang ,,	172	.060
Chekiang Road (alleyway)	105	.034
Avenue ,,	408	.151
,, ,,	204	.093
Park ,,	47	.093
,, ,,	94	.151
Kuling ,,	580	.153
,, ,,	290	.092
West Thibet ,,	96	.153
,, ,, ,,	48	.092
Woosung ,,	123	.058
Thorne ,,	387	.058
Canton ,,	84	.058
Amoy ,,	162	.158
,, ,,	81	.093
Hankow ,,	236	.158
,, ,,	118	.093
	6,206=3.52 miles	

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Sub-Stations—Sinza Road S.S. Transformer capacity increased from 75 K.W. to 100 K.W.

North Szechuen Road Extension S.S. Transformer capacity increased from 75 K.W. to 150 K.W.

Lyceum Theatre S.S. Transformer capacity increased from 124 K.W. to 200 K.W.

West Hongkew Police Station S.S. Transformer capacity increased from 24 K.W. to 75 K.W.

Ewo Cotton Mill S.S. Transformer capacity increased from 20 K.W. to 75 K.W.

Poles.—67 wooden poles erected during the month

25 wooden poles renewed during the month.

COMPARATIVE TABLE.

		October 1909	October 1910
Total Lamps Connected		187.624	210.442
Motors H.P.		725. 37	976. 76
Units Generated		588.722	671.386
Units Sold		527.096	599.683
Private Lighting		241.641	264.042
Public Lighting		61.434	75.764
Power		32.892	49.463
Traction		163.176	185.228
Used at Works		27.953	25.186
Ratio	%	89. 53	89. 32
Coal per unit generated	lbs.	5. 43	4. 84
Coal per unit sold	lbs.	6. 07	5. 41
Revenue	Tls.	44.775	49.972
Expenditure	Tls.	37.439	42.098
Profit	Tls.	7.336	7.874
Total profit to date	Tls.	54.395	71.894
Lamp Connections (30 watt lamps)		1157	3254
House Service Connections		42	71
Oil gallons		96	135
Water gallons		478.000	32.000

A. H. BLAGDEN,

Deputy Electrical Engineer.

Record of calls on the Fire Brigade for November.

Date	Time of Alarm	Municipal and Fire Districts	Road	Class of Fire	Class of Building	Alarm	Buildings Affected.	Last Company left	Remarks.
Nov. 2	7.00 p.m.	Eastern 1	Yangtzepoo	Small	Native	Bell	5 destroyed		Brigade did not lay on water
3	7.30 p.m.	Northern 2	N. Honan	—	—	Telephone	—		Not located
14	3.45 a.m.	Central 4	Chekiang	Medium	Native	Bell	2 destroyed & 2 damaged	4.50 a.m.	Chief Engineer injured by falling wall
15	4.35 a.m.	Northern 2	Elgin	,,	,,	,,	3 destroyed & 2 damaged	5.30 a.m.	
16	7.30 a.m.	Outside Limits Northern 2	—	—	—	,,	—		Brigade did not proceed to fire
18	3.30 a.m.	Central 4	Shantung	Small	Native	,,	1 damaged	4.00 a.m.	
18	10.30 p.m.	Northern 2	Dongkaloong	,,	,,	,,	—	10.55 p.m.	
19	1.30 a.m.	Western 7	Park	Medium	,,	,,	1 destroyed & 1 damaged	2.30 a.m.	1 life lost
20	1.25 a.m.	Northern 2	N. Kiangse	,,	,,	,,	3 destroyed	2.30 a.m.	5 lives reported lost & 6 persons injured
24	8.15 p.m.	Central 4	Nanking	Small	,,	,,	1 destroyed & 1 damaged	9.10 p.m.	

SUMMARY :—During the month of November the Brigade was called to—

10 Fires, including 9 bell and 1 telephone call.
4 medium, 4 small, 1 not located, and 1 outside limits.
8 in native buildings, 1 not located, and 1 outside limits.
3 in Central, 4 in Northern, 1 in Eastern, 1 in Western, and 1 outside limits.
8 in Native buildings, 1 not located, and 1 outside limits.

A. W. MACPHAIL,

Acting Chief Engineer.

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